Wage settlement of Port and Dock Workers

3783. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Mnister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the last Wage settlement of Port and Dock Workers has expired, and

(b) if so, what steps have been undertaken to start negotiations with Port and Dock Federations for the next wage settlement '.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the absence of guidelines from Department of Public Enterprises, negotiations with Port and Dock Federations for next wage settlement have not been initiated so far.

Additional facilities for Ports

3784. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that port facilities required to handle additional highly inflammable commodity like LPG and Kerosene to be imported by private trade as per new policy of Government are inadequate; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to develop such facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No Sir, LPG and Kerosene are hand led at the same berths as POL Traffic. The existing capacity for handling POL traffic including LPG and Kerosene at major ports is 78 million tonnes per annum. As against this, the POL traffic (including LPG and Kerosene) handled during the last 3 years was as under :

Year	(In million tonnes)
1989-90	63.6
1990-91	65.9
1991-92	69.6

(b) Does not arise.

Inland Water Transport Scheme

3785. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a new inland water transport scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the rivers likely to be covered under this scheme; and

(d) by when, the new scheme would start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) With a view to promoting IWT operations on the National Waterways, the Inland Waterways Authority of India submitted the following proposals for Government approval ;—

(i) Providing two vessels of 600 T capacity free of cost (bare boat basis) to reputed IWT Entrepreneurs for operating experimentai-cum-promotion IWT operations in the National! Waterway (Ganga).

(ii) A scheme for providing compensation of Re. 0.10 per tonne km moved on river for non-availability of night navigation, perfect channel and mechanised handling facilities in respect of the cargo moved on the National Waterways viz. Ganga and Brahmaputra.